MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) They are the two gates I am referring to; one is a P. W. D. road gate; the other is not.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any harm in shifting the Venjaramood sub-gate?

PRESIDENT: I do not allow that question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how long that sub-gate has been at Venjaramood?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Two years.

I may say, Sir, that this question has been repeatedly asked year after year.

PRESIDENT: Have the answers type-written, and delivered to the member.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am compelled to put this question year after year simply because the people of the locality are undergoing serious difficulties on account of this toll gate. If only the authorities will see that the toll gate is shifted from there, I will not have to put these questions any more.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I may say, Sir, that one living within a radius of three miles from the toll gate need pay only a very small amount if he takes out an annual pass by paying a compounding fee. There is not much hardship caused, as the honourable member states.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether that concession is given to owners of motor vehicles also?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know whether there is any definite rule regarding the location of toll gates?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No. We put them in accordance with the amount of traffic along the road.

Malaria Relief Works in the Nedumangad taluk.

459 ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer given on the 19th November 1935 in the Seventh Session of the Assembly, to question No. 131, *re* malaria relief works, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who suggested the relief works;

(*b*) who suggested that no relief work was needed in the Nedumangad taluk;

(*c*) whether they are aware that many of the Medical Officers, important officials in the P. W. D. and other important officials in the State either belong to Neyyattinkara or have marital connections in Neyyattinkara taluk;

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(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether it has anything to do with the partiality shown to the Neyyattinkara taluk and indifference shown to the Nedumangad taluk;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reason or reasons for not carrying out any general malaria relief works in the Nedumangad taluk; and

(*f*) whether they are aware that malaria continues raging in some of the *pakuthies* in the Nedumangad taluk whereas it has almost subsided in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*):

(*a*) Government.

(*b*) Government.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise.

(*e*) The conditions prevailing in the two taluks were found different.

(*f*) There are cases of malaria, mostly relapses, in both Nedumangad and Neyyattinkara taluks.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from Government whether some of the Medical Officers, who were engaged in malaria relief work, belong to the Neyyattinkara taluk?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*): The Department does not keep such statistics.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether it was due to the partiality of the Officers employed in the Engineering Department as well as.....

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I am going to object that statement.

PRESIDENT: I am going to object myself. No partiality or anything of the kind should be imported into questions.

It is certainly a charge against certain Officers made on the floor of the House that they were led away by partiality in the discharge of their official duties.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is not to attribute any partiality to any officer in the discharge of his official duty that I ask this.

PRESIDENT: Your words include imputation.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It is not to cast any reflection upon any officer. The thing is this. Malaria was raging in its worst form in the Nedumangad taluk—

PRESIDENT: You may ask why it was not inquired into. You cannot say that this was because of partiality.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why Malaria Relief work was not started in Nedumangad taluk?

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VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : Malaria Relief work was done in the Nedumangad taluk.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether, in connection with such malaria relief work, any roads were constructed in the Nedumangad taluk?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : No roads were constructed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why roads were not constructed ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : Because there was no necessity.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason that prevailed upon the Government to construct roads in the Neyyattinkara taluk towards Malaria relief, and the reasons that prevailed with Government not to construct roads in the Nedumangad taluk ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : They were found necessary in the Neyyattinkara taluk but not in the Nedumangad taluk.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is any special reason for not constructing roads in the Nedumangad taluk ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) ; I have already answered the question, Sir.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know whether the Public Health Director, the Darbar Physician and the Chief Engineer have toured in the Neyyattinkara and the Nedumangad taluks in connection with Malaria Relief ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) Yes, Sir.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know from the Government whether all these Officers concluded that the general suffering of the people of Neyyattinkara is greater than those of the people of Nedumangad.

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether any of these officers belong to the Neyyattinkara taluk ?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*) : I do not know, Sir.

The Nalkalikal Bridge.

460. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the steps taken by Government or the P. W. D. for the construction of the Nalkalikal Bridge on the Pantalam-Aranmula road; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

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